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CLEAN FLOORS

—for a clean house

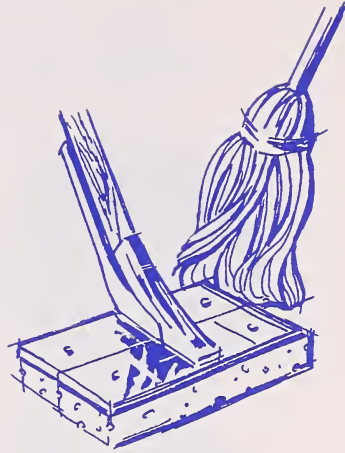
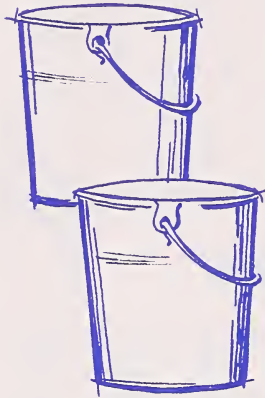


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Collect Tools

- Broom
- Mop—string or sponge
- Detergent or soap



- A bucket for sudsy water
- A bucket for rinse water
- Scouring powder if needed

Get Ready for the Job

Clear the floor as much as you can.

Take lightweight furniture out of the room.

Fix one bucket of sudsy water.

Do the Job

Sweep

- Use long, easy strokes. Raise the broom at the end of each stroke. This way you won't scatter dust.

Mop

- Wring the mop from the sudsy water.
- Mop with long, even strokes. Be sure to get all corners clean. Be careful not to spatter walls. Scrub stubborn spots with scouring powder.
- Don't let water soak into wood floors. It makes the wood splinter.
- Mop the floor with clean water to rinse it.
- Work so you won't have to walk on the rinsed floor.
- Let it dry at least 20 minutes if you plan to wax it.



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IF YOU USE WAX . . .

Find out what your floor is made of . . .

- wood
- vinyl
- linoleum
- rubber
- asphalt tile
- cork

Get the kind of wax that suits your floor.

Read the label. Make sure it's right for your kind of floor. Paste wax is all right for most kinds of floors. Don't use it on rubber or asphalt tile. It may soften them and damage them.

Wax

Waxing will make floors look pretty and stay clean longer.

Some waxes need to be rubbed to make them shine. Others dry shiny. Follow the directions on the can.

When you use a wax that dries shiny, put on a thin, even coat. A long-handled waxer will make the job easier.

Be sure the wax is dry before you walk on it.

If the first coat is not shiny enough, you can put on another thin coat. Wait at least four hours before you put on the next coat.